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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, and Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, LAKE BISTINEAU FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, in the Lake Bistineau Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RA SULL.
- 2. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS RC SUB through HOSS RC SUE.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 4. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
- 5. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, with production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in any well drilled on the units proposed to be created herein in which well the interests in the units are identical.
- 6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 287-A-1, effective August 1, 1980, as amended and supplemented, and of all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.

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- 7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the field rules proposed in Docket No. 06-1177, the hearing on which was held October 31, 2006, and of all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C.
  - 8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Lake Bistineau Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1036, effective May 24, 1978, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 287-A-1, effective August 1, 1980.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, in the Lake Bistineau Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, will be as defined in the Order issued in Docket No. 06-1177, the hearing on which was held October 31, 2006.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

Any person receiving a copy of this letter who has questions concerning where their property is in relation to the proposed units should call Mr. Jim Dodson at (318) 425-0424.

By letter dated November 27, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set November 30, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No pre-application conference request was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list. It should be noted that in the pre-application notice, four (4) additional units were proposed for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A. It was subsequently discovered that three (3) of the four (4) proposed units had previously been created; thus, applicant is requesting creation of only one (1) additional Cotton Valley Formation unit.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Lake Bistineau Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all

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Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

David L. Smelley

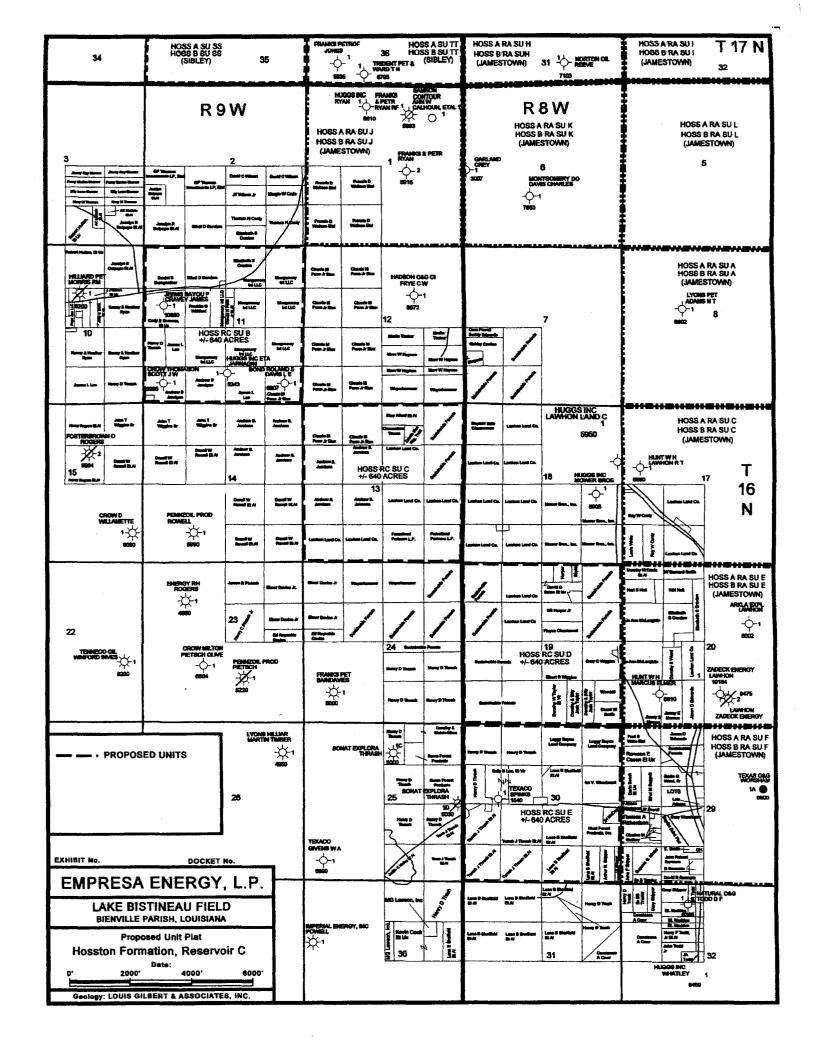
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DLS:dp Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Jeff Elkin (w/encls.) Mr. Jim Dodson (w/encls.) Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



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